



4-H
“ALL ABOUT THE DOGS” Weekend
held at the

4-H YOUTH CENTER
NEW BOSTON, NH

JUNE 15, 16 & 17, 2012

A Fun Filled Weekend of Activities for Youth and their Dogs
A Good Start for a Great Summer



Join us for a *pawsitively* good time at the 15th annual weekend of demos, dog training, and fun. Come learn, meet new people, visit old friends, and just have grrrrreat time! Organized by the Rolling Bones 4-H Club.

The University of NH Cooperative Extension is an equal opportunity educator and employer.
University of New Hampshire, U.S. Department of Agriculture and N.H. counties cooperating.
If you require special accommodations to participate in this program, please contact Hillsborough County 4-H,
(603) 641-6060, by June 12 so proper consideration may be given to this request.

Hello Everyone,

I hope you can join us at our 15th annual “All About The Dogs” 4-H Dog Weekend, organized and run by the Rolling Bones 4-H Club. Our goal is to provide a great fun filled, canine training/themed weekend for youth enrolled in the 4-H Dog Program, or youth interested in joining. You will have the opportunity to learn new things, meet new people, visit old friends, get ready for the upcoming 4-H show season, and of course, have FUN with your dogs. We will expose the participants to activities and training seminars that they might not have the opportunity to see and experience through their local 4-H group. We have had, and hope to continue to have, 4-Hers from all over New England come to this program.

It does not matter if you are a 1st year participant or an experienced 4-Her in the dog program, we have activities for everyone. This weekend is run entirely by volunteers who donate their time. We are very fortunate to have the support of many canine fanciers including 4-H Alumni, parents, professionals in specific canine-related fields, and 4-H leaders, all helping to make this program successful. Please read the information packet carefully, as things have been added and changed from previous years. There are new rules that may apply to you, so please read and understand the entire packet (guardian and youth).

You may also refer to our website, www.allaboutthedogsweekend.com, for additional information, pictures, forms, and frequently asked questions.

We look forward to seeing you in June. Your participation is key to the success of this weekend.

Sincerely,

Your Weekend Director

Danielle Furness

4-H Alum and Rolling Bones 4-H Leader



Who Is Invited

- Youth 12 & over (as of January 1st) and their dogs are welcome with or without parent/guardian.
- Youth 8 - 11 (as of January 1st) are invited, with their dog, but **a parent/guardian must stay with youth under 12.**

We recommend those youth that are not ready to stay overnight to participate in the Saturday only activities option. **Note: Males and females are housed in separate dorms/floors; none of the dorms are co-ed or family style.

Come for the weekend, or just come for Saturday, 8:00am to 5:00pm
4-H Leaders are welcome, and encouraged, to attend

Dog Information

Dogs must be in good health, free of contagious diseases and fleas.

All dogs must have a current health form and a rabies certificate (within the past three years). **Dogs need to be under the control of their handlers and not aggressive toward other dogs or people.** The dogs stay in the dorms with the youth at night, so crate trained quiet dogs only, please. It is highly recommended that dogs have flea and tick preventative on them.

Your dog will be around many people and other dogs over the weekend. If your dog exhibits aggressive behavior that negatively impacts the experience for others, the weekend directors reserve the right to remove your dog from the program for safety reasons.

We know many may still be working on behaviors with their dogs, and are unsure of how they will behave during the weekend. If you have concerns, please feel free to discuss your situation with the weekend director or your 4-H leader.

In case of a dog medical emergency, parents will be contacted. There are many Veterinarians within a short driving distance, as well as emergency clinics located in Manchester and Concord. A veterinary technician will be staying the weekend who can help with questions or concerns with health of dogs. First aid will be administered then it will be determined if veterinary services are needed immediately.

Participants are responsible for the care of their dogs the entire weekend.

BANDANA PROGRAM

Dogs who need more space will be wearing a special orange bandana that will be provided. *These are not bad dogs.* When you see a dog wearing this orange bandana proceed with caution when approaching, and speak with the human about the best way to handle a dog-to-dog introduction. If your dog has an orange bandana, it is your responsibility to ensure that you give other dogs space, as well. All dogs are expected to be reasonably well socialized and people/dog friendly. We understand that some dogs are good dogs, but do not react well when another dog invades their personal space. The bandana prevents a child from continuously having to worry that another dog maybe getting too close to their dog. The bandana program is for the safety and precaution of all participants, including those dogs wearing them... safety is our top priority! If you need a bandana please make sure you mark this on your application form appropriately.

Arrival and Departure

The arrival time for weekend participants is Friday night between 6:00 and 7:00 pm. No meal is served Friday night, but drinks will be available. Most families bring a picnic dinner and eat in the dining hall. Sandwiches/Pizza/food can be purchased at New Boston Pizza (603-487-2800) or Dodges Store in New Boston village (1 mile). Please purchase any food before you arrive for the weekend.

Pick up will be Sunday at 11:30 am.

Saturday only participants must be present from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm.

All participants **must** attend the orientation meeting in order to participate in the weekend (Friday evening for weekend participants and Saturday morning for Saturday-only participants). Weekend participants **MUST** attend the Friday orientation meeting.

Facilities

The NH "All About The Dogs" weekend is held at the 4-H Youth Center in New Boston NH. Volunteers and youths stay in two buildings that have all necessary facilities. The youth will be provided with a cot and mattress. Youth will have 24-hour supervision. Boys and girls are housed in separate buildings or on separate floors. A kitchen with dining pavilion provides the eating facilities. Level fields provide space for all sports and other outdoor activities. The T. R. Langdell Arena or the Charles Buck Barn will be used for activities if it rains.

Transportation

All youth are responsible for transportation to and from the facilities.

Safety

The NH "All About The Dogs" Weekend reserves the right to add additional rules before the start of the weekend. All rules will be posted and reviewed at the beginning of the weekend. These rules are mandatory, and if anyone chooses not to follow them, a parent or guardian will be contacted to pick up the participant. ***If the safety orientation meeting is not attended, we reserve the right to deny you participation into the program.***

Proper foot attire is required. Close-toed shoes must be worn.

Due to safety reasons parking will only be in posted areas.

There is no medical staff in attendance during the weekend. In case of a medical emergency, paramedics will be called and parents will be notified. Select volunteers will be trained in CPR and First Aid.

If there is an emergency and a parent/guardian needs to remove the child from the program and leave they must sign out with the director.

All About the Dogs Weekend Rules

- No Dogs in heat shall be allowed at the weekend. Females that come into season during weekend will be asked to leave.
- You must stay in the boundaries of the Youth Center. Once a child has checked in, they must remain on site grounds for the entire program.
- You must stay off of all equipment (agility, flyball, lure coursing, etc.) unless an instructor is present.
- Dogs must be leashed on the Youth Center grounds and in dorm & building areas at all times, except during appropriate training classes. No retractable/"flexi" leashes, please.
- Poop Pick Up - You are responsible for picking up all waste from your dog and disposing in outdoor trash cans that will be provided.
- Buddy System - All Youth must be accompanied by another youth or an adult at all times when out and about on the Youth Center grounds.
- Dogs must be crated at night - See additional dorm rules that will be posted in dorms.
- You must attend all activities on your schedule. Don't be late. Attendance will be taken at all activities.
- Youth's cell phones must be turned to vibrate, or be in the off mode, and not be used during any seminar or planned activity (includes text messaging).
- Parents, out of respect for instructors please turn cell phones to vibrate or silent. Please leave the seminar if you need to answer a phone call.
- Be respectful to ALL youth and volunteers at all times.
- Please report any accidents/incidents to Danielle, your weekend director. All accidents/incidents MUST be reported immediately.
- Respect dogs wearing orange bandanas (see bandana program).
- You are to maintain the care and control of your dog at all times. All dogs must be housetrained, reasonably well socialized, and not aggressive towards people. If your dog has been aggressive towards people, please do not bring them to the weekend.
- No tobacco products, drugs, or alcohol are permitted on the grounds.
- At no time may a parent or guardian remove a participant from the grounds without checking out with the weekend director.
- The Horn - If you hear a car horn blow for over 20 seconds, proceed to the front of the dining hall ASAP, with or without dogs. An emergency roll call will be performed.

NOTE: Additional rules may be added. Any of the above rules may be changed as deemed necessary by the weekend committee. The weekend committee will determine the interpretation of all the 4-H Dog Activity rules.

Participation

If you have signed up for the full weekend, you must attend the full weekend. You may not come and go when it is convenient for you. The weekend is not designed to be a drop-in event. If you do this, the weekend committee reserves the right to deny your application the following year. This is in the interest of safety and security and respect for our volunteers. We all sacrifice something to be present for the entire weekend.

The club has worked hard to provide planned programs for a certain number of participants. If you cannot participate in the full weekend, or the full day Saturday, please give the opportunity to someone else to participate in the program.

Cost:

4-H Members

\$65 Per 4-H youth for the entire weekend (all meals and activities included)

\$40 Per 4-H youth - Saturday Only (lunch, drinks, and snacks PLUS 1 Adult lunch included) 8:00am – 5:00pm

Non 4-H Members

\$80 Per Non 4-H Youth for the entire weekend (all meals and activities included)

\$50 Per Non 4-H youth - Saturday Only (lunch, drinks, and snacks PLUS 1 Adult lunch included) 8:00am – 5:00pm

Parents/Guardians

\$40 Per Parent/Guardian accompanying child - entire weekend (all meals included)

Additional lunches on Saturday

** If any additional person accompanies a youth on Saturday (such as a sibling or other parent), and that person would like to eat lunch with the group, there will be a \$5 charge per additional person. Please let us know in advance so that we can be prepared.

Scholarships: Unfortunately, the All About The Dogs Weekend does not have scholarships available at this time. We strive to keep the cost as low as possible for all participants.

>>>>Check with your local 4-H offices to see if there are scholarships available to help you with the cost.

NOTE: If you have received a scholarship, please follow the directions on the scholarship for redemption. The scholarship coupons/vouchers won at fairs often need to be sent to the county extension office it came from, and not us. The office will then send a check to us, but they must have these vouchers in hand, sent from you, before they will make payment to us.

>>>>We suggest club fundraisings to help defray the cost of your club members to participate.

Directions to Hillsborough County 4-H Youth Center

15 Hilldale Lane, New Boston, NH 03070

From the North:

Route 93 S to Manchester
Route 293 S along the west side of Manchester.
Exit to Route 101W/Route 114 towards Milford/Bedford (Macy's Exit)
Follow directions below from Route 114 /Bedford.

From the East:

Route 101 to Manchester
Route 93S/101 to 293/101 around south side of Manchester towards Milford/Bedford
Follow directions below from Route 114 /Bedford

From the South:

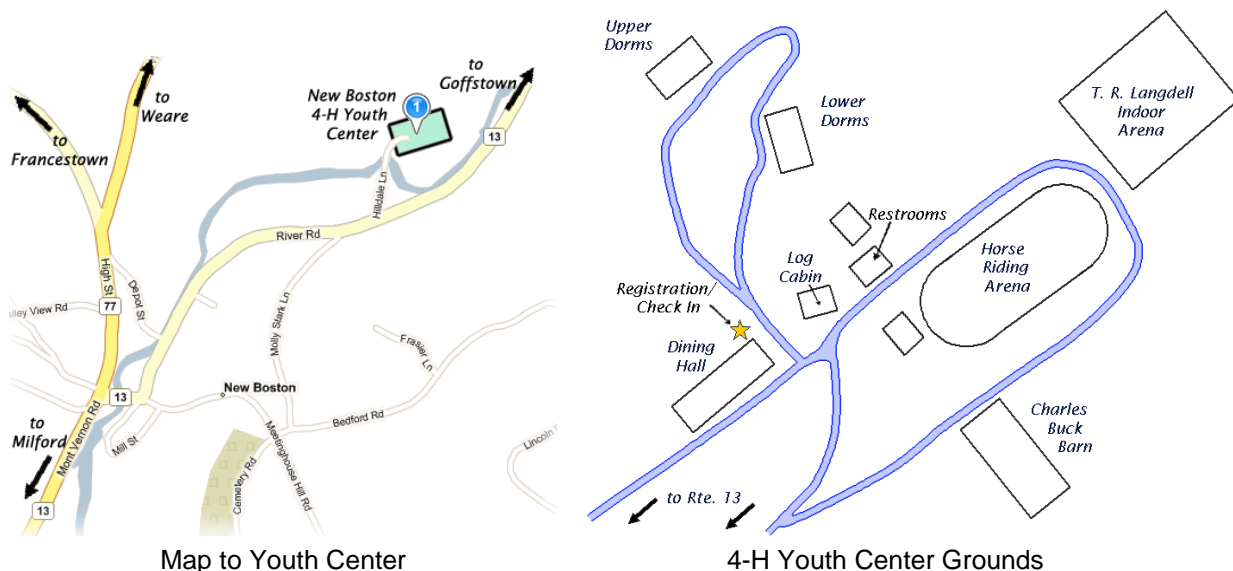
Route 3 North
Exit to pick up Route 101W/114 towards Milford/Bedford
Follow directions below from Route 114 Bedford

From Route 114 in Bedford/Manchester

Route 114 N to Goffstown Village (approximately 7.5 miles from the Route 101/114 split at
stoplight) to Route 13 S
Follow Route 13 S to New Boston Village.
(Turn left on Rte 13 after the Gulf station, in the middle of traffic islands)
(Approximately 7.5 miles, along the Piscataquog River)
Right turn into Youth Center, before New Boston Village, before the gas station

Alternate South route:

Route 13 N from Massachusetts...Townsend/Leominster/Fitchburg area
Approximately 12 miles to Milford, stay on Route 13.
Approximately 5 miles to Mont Vernon, stay on Route 13
Approximately 7 miles to New Boston, stay on Route 13
Route 13 through New Boston Village, (watch the right turn over the river, left past the store)
Youth Center entrance is on the left after the gas station (approx 1 mile)



Suggested Equipment and Clothing List

<u>Clothing and Personal</u>	<u>Dog Stuff</u>
Pillow and Pillow case Sleeping bag or 3 blankets & 2 sheets Suitcase, duffel bag, or pack Dirty clothes bag 1 pair of shorts 1 pair of jeans or sturdy trousers Warm jacket/rain jacket 1 sweater or sweatshirt 1-2 pairs of shoes (close-toed) Flip-flops for shower/bathroom 3 pairs of socks 2 changes of underwear 1 pair pajamas Toiletries Brush/comb Insect repellent/sunscreen Deodorant/shampoo/Towel	Dog food/water/dishes Dog health form (Copy) CURRENT Rabies Certificate (Copy) Obedience leash/collar Show leash Dog crate (large enough for dog to stand and turn around in) Crate blanket Treats for training Plastic clean up bags First Aid Kit (if you have one) Flashlight Old towels Old sheet or crate cover (to help dog rest undistracted) (Optional - a fan) (Old towels can be used if it is hot, put in the crate wet, or pinned around the dog to cool them down, or to wipe down a wet dog if it is raining)

Bring clothes that are appropriate for the weather forecast. End of June weather can vary, **please be prepared**. Please bring rain gear, umbrella, extra boots/shoes if the forecast indicates possible rain. **BE PREPARED.**

Bring clothes and shoes that can get wet; sprinklers will be set up if it is hot.

PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME ON ALL YOUR STUFF

We are not responsible for lost items.

For more information, or if you have questions about the 4-H Dog Weekend, Please visit our website at: www.allaboutthedogsweekend.com, or call

Hillsborough County 4-H Extension office:
Jolee Chase (603) 641-6060 M-F 8:00 am - 4:30 PM

Or

Rolling Bones 4-H Club leader (Merrimack County)
and Weekend Director:
Danielle Furness (603) 428-3192 e-mail: daniellesnook@hotmail.com

Once the clinic has started, Danielle may be reached on her cell phone at (603) 731-6843.

2012 "All About the Dogs" Weekend Application

(Please Print Clearly)

If more than one child is attending, please use a separate form for each child.

Name: _____ Gender _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ (Parent/Guardian Attending? ___Yes ___No.)

Mailing Address: _____

City, St, Zip: _____ County (if from NH): _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

Email (Parent/Guardian): _____ (we will confirm that we received your forms via email only . We may also contact you via e-mail if we have any questions)

Email (Youth): _____

Vegetarian? ___Yes ___No Special dietary needs (please explain): _____

Food Allergies: _____

Breed of Dog: _____ Dog's name: _____

Age of Dog: _____

4-H Member? ___Yes ___No. If yes, 4-H Club: _____

This is my first year showing ___ Yes ___ No

How many years have you been involved in the 4-H dog program? _____

I have worked with my dog and we are ready for, and would like to take, the Canine Good Citizen test: ___Yes ___No.

I am not sure what the Canine Good Citizen Test is but would like more information on it: ___Yes ___No

Please check the appropriate level of training:

SHOWMANSHIP

No Experience	
Beginner	
Intermediate	
Advanced	
Pre-Professional	

OBEDIENCE

No Experience	
Family Dog / Beginner	
Pre-Novice	
Beginner Novice	
Novice	
Grad Novice	
Open	
Utility	

AGILITY

No Experience	
On Leash	
Off Leash	
Competitive	

Do you need an orange bandana (see bandana program)? ___Yes ___No

Participant T-Shirt Size (Circle One):

Child Size: S M OR Adult Size: S M L XL XXL

NOTE: T-Shirts are not guaranteed. We are still searching for donations/sponsors to help cover the cost.

We may have extra T-Shirts available for sale during the weekend for adults. This will help to defray the cost of the T-Shirts.

NOTE: Please indicate anything else that may be helpful to know about the participant or dog: _____

Please Check all that apply:

- Entire Weekend - 4-H member (\$65)
- Entire Weekend - Non 4-H member (\$80)
- Saturday Only - 4-H member (\$40)
- Saturday Only - Non 4-H member (\$50)
- Entire Weekend parent/chaperone/guardian (\$40)
- Additional lunches for Saturday _____ (\$5 each)

The following Forms **MUST** be sent in with the application to complete the registration process:

*You can find these forms on www.allaboutthedogsweekend.com or <http://extension.unh.edu/>

(Click on 4-H Youth...Forms...Animal Science...Dog)

Youth:

- 2012 "All About the Dogs" Weekend Application
- Youth Medical Care and Treatment Form
- Youth Code of Conduct Form
- Dog Health Form
- Check - Made Payable to Rolling Bones 4-H Club

Adult Chaperones (Please send in with child's forms):

- Adult Medical Care and Treatment Form
- Adult Code of Conduct Form

Tip: To reduce postage fees, print forms front/back to reduce paper/weight

If you have won a scholarship, please coordinate with extension office to redeem your scholarship. You may either have them give the check to you to submit with your application or have them send the check directly to us. Please note if you are having the check sent directly so we can expect it.

All Dogs are shown at the risk of the owner or lessor. Any damage to persons or property is the legal and financial responsibility of the child and family who own or lease the animal.

I have read, understand, and agree to the 4-H All About Dogs Weekend information packet:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

_____ Date: _____

Child/Participants Signature:

_____ Date: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Rolling Bones 4-H Club
SORRY, NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE

Mail all forms (Application, Medical Care, Permission, Code of Conduct) and Payment to:

4-H All About Dogs Weekend
c/o Danielle Furness
222 Longview Drive
Henniker, NH 03242

Space is limited, so register early! No late applications will be accepted.

Registration Deadline: Applications must be in Danielle's possession by
May 30th, 2012